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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

BOX AF Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed October 11, 2000, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims

Please delete claims 20 and 21 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend Claim 15 as follows:

(Twice Amended) A composition comprising (i) a non replicative recombinant 15. adenoviral vector wherein said non replicative recombinant adenoviral vector comprises a heterologous polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide, which polynucleotide sequence is inserted into [an ntirely] a deleted E1 region of said non replicative recombinant adenoviral